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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL TO AMBASSADOR
BO KJELLEN, HEAD OF MULTILATERAL DEPARTMENT IN INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT BUREAU OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. ALTHOUGH SWEDES
HAVE NOT YET REACHED DECISION-MAKING STAGE ON MANY OF THE
ISSUES, KJELLEN WAS OF OPINION THAT THEY COULD SUPPORT US ON
MANY POINTS.

2. ON COW AND EXTENT TO WHICH APPARENT FAILURE OF SEPT 5-15
MEETINGS MIGHT LEAD TO CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE, SWEDES
ARE AWARE OF THE RISK, BUT HOPE WE WILL NOT EXAGGERATE.
THEY BELIEVE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE IN OTHER
AREAS WHICH OFFSET COW: E.G., COMMON FUND, UNCTAD V PRE-
PARATIONS. SWEDES HOPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE AWARE THAT
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COW PROBLEM WAS RESULT OF PAPERING OVER INSOLUBLE
DIFFERENCES AND WILL THIS TIME CONCENTRATE ON A
DIFFERENT MANDATE, E.G., PREPARATORY WORK FOR A 1980
SPECIAL GA MEETING OR IDS. SWEDES ALSO HOPE THEIR
INITIATIVE ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
TO SLIP AWAY, AND THAT TEMPORARY FAILURE IN COW WILL
NOT PREJUDICE CHANCES OF THIS IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE

MEASURE WHICH THEY WILL PRESS.

3. SWEDES WERE VERY SAD TO SEE PROSPECTS FOR HORIZONTAL TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY IN JOINT FRAMEWORK DIED WITH COW. THEY HAD PLACED GREAT HOPES IN SUCH AN APPROACH, AND HAD BELIEVED (STILL BELIEVE) THE US WOULD BE FAVORABLE.

4. SWEDES ALSO HOPE SOME PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON STRUCTURE OF UN OPERATIONS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELD. THEY BELIEVE ROLE OF ECOSOC MUST CROP UP IN THIS GA. THEY ARE NOT SURE HOW CLOSELY ECOSOC AND POSSIBLY NEW IDS SHOULD BE LINKED TO COW. SWEDES CONTINUE TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN LONG-TERM FINANCING OF UN DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS (PRIMARILY UNDP). THEY HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE THE UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE WHICH RESULTS FROM SINGLE YEAR PLEDGING FOR MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS AND EFFORTS. UNDP SHOULD BE COMPARED UNFAVORABLY WITH IDA, WORLD BANK, ETC. IN THIS REGARD. IF THEY HAVE THEIR WAY, UNDP CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE INCREASED, BUT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IDA REPLENISHMENTS. SWEDES MAY BE INTERESTED IN TABLING DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT.

5. ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH SWEDES INTEND TO STRESS IS THAT OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, WHICH RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MAINS A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF SWEDISH DEVELOPMENT AID EFFORTS.

6. SWEDES DID ASK ABOUT COMMON FUND AND DEBT. THEY SEEMED IN AGREEMENT WITH POSITIONS IN REFTEL. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, KJELLEN SAID THAT HE BELIEVED PROGRESS ON COMMON FUND WOULD GO FAR TO SETTING ATMOSPHERE IN UNCTAD V, BUT THAT HE AGREED GENEVA IS THE LOGICAL PLACE TO PURSUE THE ISSUE. ON DEBT, SWEDES FEEL RATHER GRATIFIED THAT SO MANY COUNTRIES ARE NOW FOLLOWING THEIR LEAD ON UNILATERAL ACTION, AND THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RESIST SOME REFERENCE THERETO. ON THE WHOLE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL SUPPORT US POSITION THAT DISCUSSIONS IN GA WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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